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STENDAL AIRFIELD

(First half Oct 57)

1. The 14 m. wide connecting road running southwards from the western end of the 50 m. wide hard standing only runs as far as the east-west taxiway and is not in fact being extended to link up with the main runway.

2. CABLE DUCTS AT EASTERN END OF THE AIRFIELD

The sketch accompanying this report shows the line followed by cable ducts which have already been laid. Each duct shown has two channels but in no case has any cable yet been laid.

3. LAYOUT OF EASTERN END OF AIRFIELD

The accompanying sketch shows the probable lay-out as far as it can be. at present determined.

4. SUNDRY BUILDINGS

- (a) The old transformer station between the pumping station and the main runway is to have its electrical gear dismantled and removed. The building will remain in situ for purposes not yet known.
- (b) The cement shed at the northern end of the rail spur which serves the airfield will remain in situ and will later be used as a coal store.
- (c) The locomotive shed near the cement shed mentioned above is also to be left standing and with extensions will be used as a workshop.
- (d) The walls of the building materials store (Material-Silos) are also to be left standing, the future function of the building is, however, not yet known.
- (e) No further changes in buildings have taken place in the month of October.

5. SOVIET WORKING PARTY

14 Oct 57

A Soviet working party of unknown strength started on further levelling work on the airfield. This party has its own survey detachment.

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The working party is equipped with the following vehicles:

- (i) 5 x tracked vehicles S.80
- (ii) 3 x tracked vehicles DT.54
- (iii) 3 x levelling machines (Planiermaschinen)
- (iv) 1 x bulldozer
- (v) 1 x 4-bladed paring plough (4-Schar-Schälplug)
- (vi) 1 x triple surface roller (3 rollers in tandem)

## 6. CONSTRUCTIONAL ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED

- (a) Apart from the Soviet working party (see para. 5 above), work on the airfield is being done at present only by personnel of the ITB, VEM and 100 - 120 prisoners with hard labour sentences.
- (b) The ITB concreting gangs will have finished their concreting work by 9 Nov, after which they will leave the airfield. Their next place of work is not yet known.
- (c) Several personnel of the ITB will leave between 4 and 9 Nov for:
  - (i) RHEINSBERG atomic project (no details given)
  - (ii) ROSSLAU (bridge building)
  - (iii) LUCKAU (project unknown)
- (d) One shift of about 40 men of the ITB, the so-called "Schwarze-Kolonne" are machine maintenance personnel and will remain on the airfield until the end of the year.

Note: The cable laying for the complete airfield will not be carried out by VEM but will probably be carried out by the Soviet forces themselves. So far no cable has arrived at the airfield. Meanwhile the VEM personnel are about to change over the STENDAL district grid from DC to AC.

## 7. AIRCRAFT STATE

There are still three helicopters on the airfield, parked as they were at the beginning of October. In the second half of October they took off only three or four times. There are no other aircraft on the airfield.

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